

# **SAFETY TIPS**

## **From Your Building Inspector**

### **Don't Let Your Gas Appliances Starve for Air!**

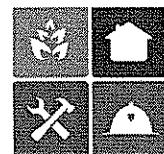
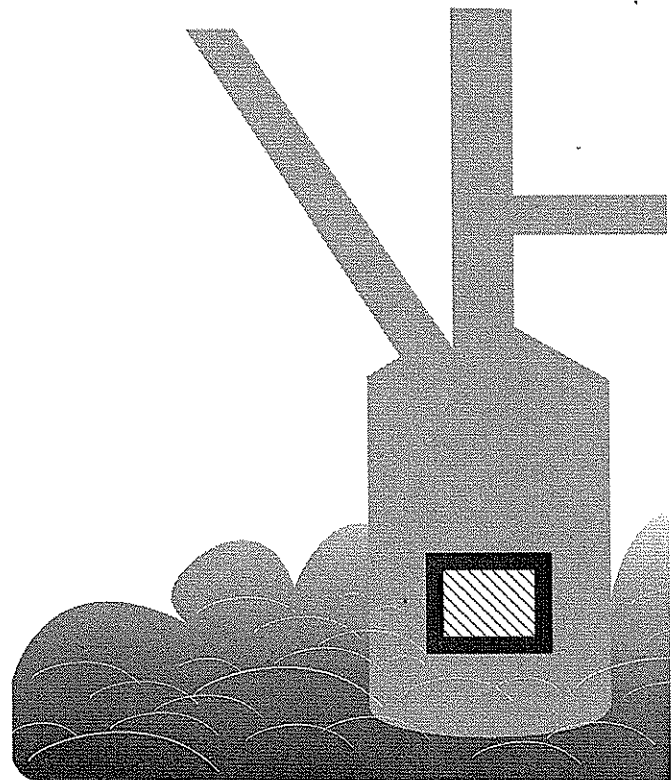
Gas appliances, such as water heaters, furnaces and boilers, need plenty of air to operate safely. Otherwise they will produce excessive, deadly carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and toxic, which means you can't see, taste or smell it. It causes headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. Carbon monoxide can kill, so be sure to maintain your gas appliances.

#### **Safely Operate Your Gas-Fired Appliances:**

- Schedule an annual appliance inspection, cleaning and tune-up by a qualified specialist.
- Have vents and chimneys inspected by a qualified expert at least once a year.
- Have a technician check the combustion air provisions for your appliances.
- Store combustibles and flammables far away from gas appliances.

Building safety codes require specific venting sizes and combustion air provisions for gas appliances to ensure safe operation. Contact your local gas company or building safety department for more information.

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